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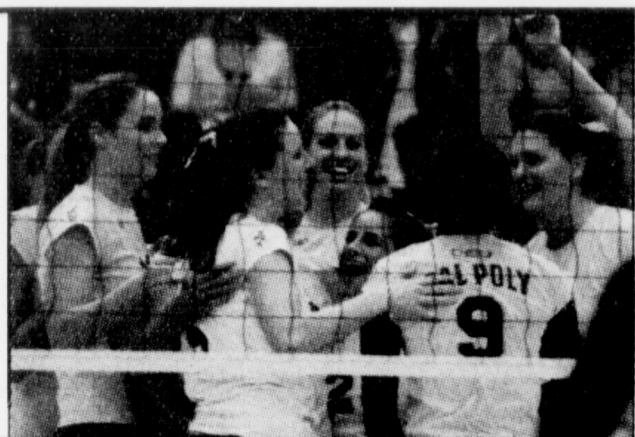
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Marijuana stolen in local house robbery

Kelly Cope
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Authorities are conducting an investigation into a home invasion robbery which occurred on Nov. 26 at about 10 p.m. on the 1200 block of Fredericks Street.

According to a press release, three masked, black males entered the residence of the four victims, one holding a baseball bat and another a rifle.

One of the masked men then made one of the victims open a locked safe containing about two pounds of marijuana and a substantial amount of cash.

The suspects also stole personal items from the victims. No injuries on the part of the victims were reported.

Authorities do not consider this a random robbery; they believe the suspects knew what was in the residence, and went after the victims based on this information.

One of the victims appears to be a legal provider of marijuana for the Central Coast Compassionate Caregivers in Morro Bay. He was in possession of the marijuana for the dispensary.

Anyone with information on this crime should call the San Luis Obispo Police Department at 781-7317 or Crime Stoppers at 549-7867.



PATRICK TRAUTFIELD MUSTANG DAILY

Students in CE 424, the public transportation class, designed plans for a more sustainable San Luis Obispo, focusing on the Dalidio property and more.

A whole new SLO

Liza Manion
MUSTANG DAILY

A Cal Poly civil engineering class has created plans to improve public transportation in San Luis Obispo.

The "SLO South 2050: Sustainable Mobility" exhibition took place Wednesday night at the City-County library.

Sustainability means "to create a world where our children can also live, and not just us," civil engineering professor Eugene Jud said. This refers to an environment friendly city with less air pollution.

Presentations by Cal Poly students were on display showing various future transportation plans on posters for CE 424, public transportation, a technical elective taught by Jud.

The plans were geared specifically toward south San Luis Obispo, which included the Dalidio property, Prado Road, Margarita and airport areas, and the Damon Garcia Sports Complex.

Some plans included trams, buses and networks for bicycle routes in response to the upcoming changes that will be made because Measure J was passed.

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Rare dinosaur nest up for auction in LA

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LOS ANGELES — An extremely rare and well-preserved dinosaur nest containing fossil eggs with the embryos exposed goes up for auction this weekend, but at least one scientist is demanding the artifact be returned to a museum.

Auction house Bonhams & Butterfields estimated the ancient dino nest, belonging to a predatory raptor, will fetch between \$180,000 and \$220,000 at auction Sunday.

"To have a wonderful complete nest like this is amazing," said Thomas Lindgren, director of the natural history division at Bonhams.

The Cretaceous-era dinosaur nest was unearthed in the southern

Chinese province of Guangdong in 1984 and has been privately sold in Asia. In 2003, an American collector on the East Coast bought the nest and restored it to museum quality.

The nest contains 22 unhatched eggs arranged in a circular pattern along the edge. Embryonic remains were uncovered in 19 eggs and one egg was removed for scientific study. Some eggs were so well-preserved that one can see the embryo curled inside.

Gerald Grellet-Tinner, a dinosaur expert at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, said such a fossilized nest is a "bonanza" find that can tell scientists a great deal about

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U. Penn professor: Newborns come with all languages built in

Rebecca Kaplan •

DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN (U. PENN.)

PHILADELPHIA — Have you always struggled with foreign languages?

University of Pennsylvania linguistics professor Charles Yang suggests it may not be your fault in his new book.

A crowd of about 25 — along with three babies — gathered at the Penn Bookstore yesterday afternoon to hear Yang speak about his new book, "The Infinite Gift: How Children Learn and Unlearn the Languages of the

World."

Yang taught at Yale University for six years and worked on his book for two years before coming to Penn three months ago.

His book is based largely on Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor and Penn graduate Noam Chomsky's theory of "universal grammar," which suggests that all children are born with a set of innate principles and constraints that apply to all languages.

Yang takes this theory one step further by suggesting that babies are born with the ability to learn

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This photo shows a closeup view of the 65 million-year-old fossilized raptor egg nest.

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"There will be a lot of big, big traffic problems," Jud said.

County and city members of the planning commission, students and members of the community attended the exhibit where there were formal presentations and grading by audience members.

Since San Luis Obispo is focused on being "green" and having slow growth, members from one group of students focused their plan to be appropriate for the city, civil engineering senior Sujin Yo said.

"It's our way of connecting to the bigger cities that are surrounding us," said Yo, when talking about adding a light-rail train and more pedestrian and bicycle paths.

Their proposed light-rail train would travel from San Miguel to Santa Maria, with a possibility of extending farther south to Santa Barbara, and farther north to Monterey.

"I see public transportation as our future," Yo said.

They plan to remodel the Prado Road overpass with one lane for mass transit and emergency vehicles, and the other three strictly for bicycle and pedestrian use.



PATRICK TRAUTFIELD MUSTANG DAILY

The "SLO South 2050: Sustainable Mobility" exhibition took place Wednesday night at the San Luis Obispo City-County Library.

Plans for "mixed use" include commercial and residential grouped together, to encourage more walking and biking to commercial areas.

Other groups included plans for

a Bus Rapid Transit Hub (BRT). Buses would have their own lane, and a "pre-emption" ability to change traffic lights to green. The buses would run 24 hours a day.

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the growth and development of dinosaurs.

Judging by the nest size and egg shape, Grellet-Tinner said he suspects the dinosaur is probably an oviraptor, a meat-eater with a large beak that ran on powerful hind legs.

But he won't know for sure until he can inspect the embryos and contends the nest should be housed in a museum in China, where it was uncovered, and not in private hands.

"I'm totally outraged," he said. "A lot of scientific information will be lost."

Lindgren said the collector's son has been examining the nest as part of his graduate thesis and is preparing a scientific paper for publication next year.

Besides the rare dinosaur nest, Bonhams & Butterfields will also auction off a fossilized garfish and turtle excavated from the Green River formation as well as gold nuggets that had been on display at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas for nearly three decades.

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Newborns

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any language, but, as they learn their native language, they must unlearn other languages.

Humans learn language in phrases that have certain boundaries, he said.

For instance, a child speaking in incomplete sentences may use the phrase "for cookies," as in the sentence, "that milk is for cookies." The child would never use the phrase "cookies for," as in, "Cookie Monster has cookies for supper," because that breaks the phrase boundary.

"Language happens to be, I think, one of the hardest things we learn," Yang said. "The emergence of your native tongue is at the expense of other languages."

The "mistakes" that children make as they are learning to speak may actually be perfectly formed phrases — in other languages.

A child might say, "I don't want no spinach," which is incorrect in English because of the double negative, but is grammatically correct in Spanish, for example.

Other common "mistakes" that children make are repeating an interrogative in a sentence, which is a convention of German grammar, or omitting the subject of a sentence, which is common practice in Chinese or Japanese.

He also addressed several myths about babies' language, including the idea that sounds like "mama" and "dada" are actual words.

Sorry, parents, that's just a baby babbling.

Furthermore, parents can't really correct their children's errors when they are learning to speak; they learn more by hearing than by being corrected, Yang said.

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Briefs

State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — “Tonight Show” host Jay Leno and NBC Studios have sued humor editor Judy Brown and her publishers in U.S. District Court, claiming that her collection of joke books has profited from material filched from his standup routines.

Leno and other comics, including Rita Rudner, are seeking unspecified damages and a permanent injunction against Brown’s 19 books — mainly compilations of jokes by comedians including Ellen DeGeneres, Joan Rivers and Jerry Seinfeld, according to the lawsuit.

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FRESNO (AP) — Differences over the Bible and sexuality within the Anglican faith may push the Diocese of San Joaquin to become the first in the nation to split with the Episcopal Church.

Bishop John-David Schofield, who refuses to ordain women and gays, has publicly accused the church’s newly elected female leader of promoting “heresy.” Under his leadership, the Fresno-based diocese has already stopped sending most funds to the national church and has considered a plan to affiliate with an Anglican diocese in Argentina.

Should delegates decide to formally break with the national church at a convention Saturday, all parties expect a protracted legal battle over the diocese’s millions of dollars in real estate.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A man who raped and killed a teenager by stabbing her dozens of times moved a step closer to execution Thursday when a federal appeals court here rejected his appeal.

Lawyers for David Raley, 45, said they would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Thursday it would not revisit its April decision that Raley had adequate legal representation at trial.

National

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The first major snowstorm of the season blew across the Plains and Midwest on Thursday, grounding hundreds of flights, closing schools, glazing highways and threatening to dump up to a foot of snow on communities that had basked in balmy weather only days earlier. The wintry weather spread across an area stretching from Texas and Oklahoma to Michigan, and a blizzard warning was posted in parts of Oklahoma.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Volkswagen AG officials said they may not make money in North America until 2009 due to a softer U.S. economy and unfavorable currency exchange rates between the U.S. and Germany.

To compensate for the exchange rate, Volkswagen hopes to sell more cars in the U.S. that are manufactured in Mexico. It has reduced the base prices of its Mexican-made Jetta and New Beetle models to about \$16,500 from about \$18,000.

The company likely will lose money in North America this year and in 2008, Volkswagen of America spokesman Keith Price said Thursday at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A former supervisor at the Department of Homeland Security pleaded guilty Thursday to accepting at least \$600,000 in bribes to provide fraudulent citizenship documents to hundreds of Asian immigrants.

Robert T. Schofield, 57, who once supervised as many as 50 employees in the Citizenship and Immigration Services office in Fairfax, Va., pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to bribery and to aiding and abetting the illegal procurement of citizenship.

He faces as many as 25 years in prison when he is sentenced in February. Prosecutors said they will seek the maximum sentence.

International

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki faced a widening revolt within his divided government as two senior Sunni politicians joined prominent Shiite lawmakers and Cabinet members in criticizing his policies.

Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi said he wanted to see al-Maliki’s government gone and another “understanding” for a new coalition put in place with guarantees that ensure collective decision making.

“There is a clear deterioration in security and everything is moving in the wrong direction,” the Sunni leader told The Associated Press. “This situation must be redressed as soon as possible. If they continue, the country will plunge into civil war.”

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TORONTO (AP) — Citizens of countries such as China and Iran are about to be handed a powerful Canadian-made tool designed to undermine authoritarian efforts at stifling the free flow of information.

Called Psiphon, it’s a small computer program that allows people in non-democratic places to beat the local thought police and access forbidden websites at minimal personal risk.

The software is being formally launched on Friday.

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BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Hezbollah and its pro-Syrian allies launched a long-threatened campaign to force Lebanon’s U.S.-backed government from office, calling for mass demonstrations Friday followed by a wave of open-ended protests.

A defiant Prime Minister Fuad Saniora vowed his government would not fall, warning in a nationally televised speech Thursday night that “Lebanon’s independence is threatened and its democratic system is in danger.”

South Africa becomes first country on continent to legalize gay marriages

Clare Nullis
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — South Africa on Thursday became the first country in Africa, and only the fifth in the world, to legalize same sex marriages.

The Civil Union Act goes into effect a day ahead of a Dec. 1 deadline set by the country’s Constitutional Court, which required the marriage law be changed to ensure equality for gays and lesbians.

Gay rights groups have welcomed the law, although they criticized provisions allowing clergy and civil marriage officers to turn away gay couples if their consciences prevented them from marrying them.

Some couples began hurrying to make preparations for long-awaited nuptials.

“There will be a huge response from same sex couples who have waited such a long time for their relationship to be recognized,” said Melanie Judge, a program manager for the South Africa-based lesbian and gay rights group, OUT.

Janine Pressman, a pastor with the Glorious Light Metropolitan Community Churches in Pretoria, said she hoped to marry a couple on Saturday, provided the paperwork could be rushed through.

“We are ready to go,” said Jacky Mashapu, a spokesman for the Home Affairs Ministry, where altar-bound couples will need to apply for permission to wed.

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If you are interested in attending the workshop, please call Nancy Martinez at 1-559-992-7100 ext. 5346 to RSVP for Senior Librarians. To RSVP for Health Care, call Aimee Yuki at 1-916-341-7007.
Those interested may also visit the CDCR website: <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/CareerOpportunities/.asp>

Government quietly applies computerized terrorism ratings to millions of travelers

Michael J. Sniffen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Without notifying the public, federal agents for the past four years have assigned millions of international travelers, including Americans, computer-generated scores rating the risk they pose of being terrorists or criminals.

The travelers are not allowed to see or directly challenge these risk assessments, which the government intends to keep them on file for 40 years.

The scores are assigned to people entering and leaving the United States after computers assess their travel records, including where they are from, how they paid for tickets, their motor vehicle records, past one-way travel, seating preference and what kind of meal they ordered.

The program's existence was quietly disclosed earlier in November when the government put an announcement detailing the Automated Targeting System, or ATS, for the first time in the Federal Register, a fine-print compendium of federal rules. Privacy and civil liberties lawyers, congressional aides and even law enforcement officers said they thought this system had been applied only to cargo.

The Homeland Security Department notice called its program "one of the most advanced targeting systems in the world." The department said the nation's ability to spot criminals and other security threats "would be critically impaired without access to this data."

Still, privacy advocates view ATS with alarm. "It's probably the most invasive system the government has yet deployed in terms of the number of people affected," David Sobel, a lawyer at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil liberties group devoted to electronic data issues, said in an interview.

A similar Homeland Security data-mining project, for domestic air travelers — now known as Secure Flight — caused a furor two years ago in Congress. Lawmakers barred its implementation until it can pass 10 tests for accuracy and privacy protection.

In comments to the Homeland Security Department about ATS, Sobel said, "Some individuals will be denied the right to travel and many the right to travel free of unwarranted interference as a result of the maintenance of such material."

Sobel said in the interview the government notice also raises the possibility that faulty risk assessments could cost innocent people jobs in shipping or travel, government contracts, licenses or other benefits.

The government notice says ATS data may be shared with state, local and foreign governments for use in hiring decisions and in granting licenses, security clearances, contracts or other benefits. In some cases, the data may be shared with courts, Congress and even private contractors.

"Everybody else can see it, but you can't," Stephen Yale-Loehner, an immigration lawyer who teaches at Cornell Law school, said in an interview.

But Jayson P. Ahern, an assistant commissioner of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection agency, said the ATS ratings simply allow agents at the border to pick out people not previously identified by law enforcement as potential terrorists or criminals and send them for additional searches and interviews. "It does not replace the judgments of

Homeland Security's Privacy Office, noted that the department pledged to review the exemptions over the next 90 days based on the public comment received. As of Thursday, all 15 public comments received opposed the system outright or criticized its redress procedures.

The Homeland Security privacy impact statement added that "an individual might not be aware of the reason additional scrutiny is taking place, nor should he or she" because that might compromise the ATS' methods.

Nevertheless, Ahern said any traveler who objected to additional searches or interviews could ask to speak to a supervisor to complain. Homeland Security's privacy impact statement said that if asked, border agents would hand complaining passengers a one-page document that describes some, but not all, of the records that agents check and refers complaints to Custom and Border Protection's Customer Satisfaction Unit.

Homeland Security's statement said travelers can use this office to obtain corrections to the underlying data sources that the risk assessment is based on. "There is no procedure to correct the risk

assessment and associated rules stored in ATS as the assessment ... will change when the data from the source system(s) is amended."

"I don't buy that at all," said Jim Malmberg, executive director of American Consumer Credit Education Support Services, a private credit education group. Malmberg noted how hard it has been for citizens, including members of Congress and even infants, to stop being misidentified as terrorists because their names match those on anti-terrorism watch lists.

Homeland Security, however, is nearing an announcement of a new effort to improve redress programs and the public's awareness of them, according to a department privacy official, who requested anonymity because the formal announcement has not been made.

The department says that 87 million people a year enter the country by air and 309 million enter by land or sea. The government gets advance passenger and crew lists for all flights and ships entering and leaving and all those names are entered into the system for an ATS analysis, Ahern said. He also said the names of vehicle drivers and passengers are entered when they cross the border and Amtrak is voluntarily supplying passenger data for trains to and from Canada.

Ahern said that border agents concentrate on arrivals more than on departures because their resources are limited.

"If this catches one potential terrorist, this is a success," Ahern said.

It's probably the most invasive system the government has yet deployed in terms of the number of people affected.

—David Sobel

a lawyer at the Electronic Frontier Foundation

officers," Ahern said in an interview Thursday.

This targeting system goes beyond traditional border watch lists, Ahern said. Border agents compare arrival names with watch lists separately from the ATS analysis.

In a privacy impact assessment posted on its Web site this week, Homeland Security said ATS is aimed at discovering high-risk individuals who "may not have been previously associated with a law enforcement action or otherwise be noted as a person of concern to law enforcement."

Ahern said ATS does this by applying rules derived from the government's knowledge of terrorists and criminals to the passenger's travel patterns and records.

For security reasons, Ahern declined to disclose any of the rules, but a Homeland Security document on data-mining gave an innocuous example of a risk assessment rule: "If an individual sponsors more than one fiancée for immigration at the same time, there is likelihood of immigration fraud."

In the Federal Register, the department exempted ATS from many provisions of the Privacy Act designed to protect people from secret, possibly inaccurate government dossiers. As a result, it said travelers cannot learn whether the system has assessed them. Nor can they see the records "for the purpose of contesting the content."

Toby Levin, senior adviser in

South Africa

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South African leaders, determined to bury all forms of discrimination, recognized the rights of gays and lesbians in the constitution drafted after the end of apartheid in 1994.

That constitution, the first in the world to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, provided a powerful legal tool for gay rights activists, even though South Africa remains conservative on issues of sexuality.

Influential traditional leaders said the legislation violated African cultural norms.

The Roman Catholic Church and Muslim groups denounced it as violating the sanctity of marriage. In the days leading up to the signing of the new law, radio talk shows aired strong opposition to the legislation.

The public reaction, said Judge of OUT, "forced us to confront the deep-seated prejudice and intolerance against gays and lesbians. It's a day-to-day reality ...

It's been quite a frightening process to see the level of hatred that has been openly expressed against this minority."

Homosexuality is still largely taboo in Africa. It is illegal in Zimbabwe, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Tanzania, Ghana and most other sub-Saharan countries. Even in South Africa, gays and lesbians are often attacked because of their sexual orientation.

Denmark in 1989 became the first country to legislate same-sex partnerships and several other European Union members have followed suit. To date, only four other countries — Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands and Spain — allow same-sex marriage.

In the United States, only the state of Massachusetts allows gay marriage. Vermont and Connecticut permit civil unions, California grants similar status through a domestic-partner registration law, and more than a dozen states give gay couples some legal rights.

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Former high school teammates to face off in Cal-LSU first-round match

Steffi Chan
DAILY CALIFORNIAN (UC BERKELEY)

Just a few years ago, high school volleyball players Ellen Orchard and Kyna Washington played together on the Texas Tornados club team in Houston.

The two have since gone their separate ways, gracing volleyball teams on opposite sides of the country — Orchard to the Cal volleyball team in 2004, Washington to LSU in 2005.

But the two players will soon meet again — only this time on opposite sides of the net — when the No. 14 Bears take on No. 15 LSU on Friday at Mott Gym at 6 p.m. in San Luis Obispo in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"I haven't talked to her since high school, but we were good friends," Orchard said. "I'm pretty excited. I expect us to win."

After sailing through the nonconference schedule undefeated, Cal (20-9) had somewhat of a roller-coaster season in the Pac-10, ending at the .500 mark. But its performance was still good enough to earn the Bears an at-large bid to the NAAs for a school-record fifth consecutive year.

Since Orchard came to Cal two years ago, the Bears have failed to get beyond the second round of the tournament. This year, if the team hopes to surpass that level, it will have to first get past Washington and the Tigers.

Led by freshman Lauren DeGirolamo (3.05 kills per game, .329 hitting percentage), who was recently named SEC Freshman of the Week for the fourth time, LSU (26-5) also earned an at-large berth after winning the SEC Western Division.

"They're very good. They have a very experienced team and a lot of seniors," Cal coach Rich Feller said. "They run a very fast offense."

The Bears studied tape Wednesday before practice to prepare for the high-paced offensive attack.

"They have a pretty versatile setter

who will set from anywhere on the court," Orchard said. "So during practice we really worked on defending their quick offense. They have some good outside hitters."

Washington is one of those outside hitters, notching 3.38 kills per match, second on the team. Orchard and Washington will be battling not only to get their teams to the next round of the NCAA Tournament, but also for a trip to their native Texas, where the round of 16 will be held.

"I'm really pumped up for this year and just the fact that we might end up in Texas if we win," Orchard said.

But before the junior middle blocker can think about Texas, the Bears must get through not only LSU but the winner of the Michigan-Cal Poly matchup. With a win Friday, Cal will play the second

round of the NAAs on Saturday.

"I think we're in a really good place right now," Feller said. "We had a couple good practices this week. We've got a really tough draw, but I feel good about the way we're playing."

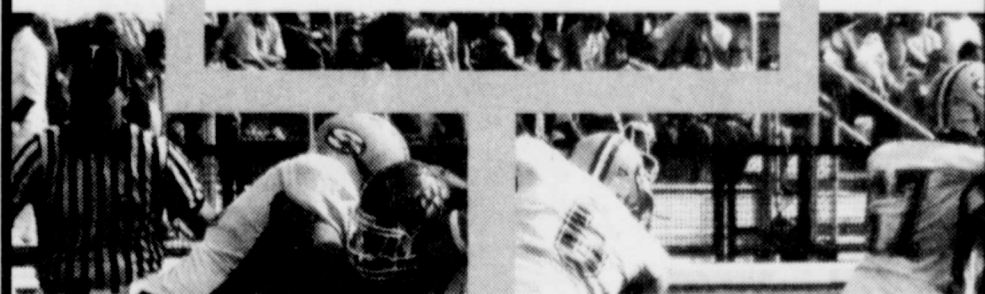
The Bears have won three of their last four matches, and Orchard has recorded 38 kills in that span, including a team-leading 13 in Cal's sweep of Washington State.

While her offensive consistency and defensive prowess may often be overshadowed by the flashier performances of the outside hitters, Orchard's contributions have been anything but insignificant.

The middle blocker leads the Bears and ranks eighth in the Pac-10 with a .305 hitting percentage. She is also third in the conference and first on the team with 1.49 blocks per game.

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**Michigan (21-12, 8-12) at
No. 14 Cal Poly (22-5, 13-1)**

What: NCAA Tournament first-round
volleyball match
Where: Mott Gym
When: 8 p.m. today
Radio: ESPN Radio 1280
Tickets: Student tickets for today can
be purchased for \$5. A two-day
student pass costs \$6. Both can be
bought at the ticket office.

About the opponent:

Michigan

Location: Ann Arbor, Mich.

Founded: 1817

Enrollment: 37,306

Mascot: Wolverines

School colors: Maize and blue

Gym (capacity): Cliff Keen Arena
(1,800)

Head coach (record/experience):

Mark Rosen (139-111/Eighth year)

2005 record: 13-16, 7-13

All-time series: The two schools have
never met before.

Final Big West Conference Standings

Team (overall, conference record)

1. Cal Poly (22-5, 13-1)
2. Long Beach State (25-5, 12-2)
3. UC Santa Barbara (19-11, 8-6)
4. Cal State Northridge (16-12, 7-7)
5. UC Irvine (13-16, 7-7)
6. Cal State Fullerton (17-12, 6-8)
7. Pacific (8-21, 3-11)
8. UC Riverside (2-25, 0-14)

Quotes from the sideline:

"We don't train for a team. We'll
prepare a scouting report and we'll do
certain things strategically in terms of
how we'll attack them on offense. ...
We train to be efficient independent of
who we play."

- Cal Poly head coach Jon Stevenson

Having not played since
Nov. 18, the 14th-ranked
Cal Poly volleyball team
feels ready heading into its
first NCAA Tournament
appearance since 2002.

Tristan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly volleyball head
coach Jon Stevenson
feels his team has had
its best week of practice all season.
It couldn't have come at a bet-
ter time.

The Mustangs host Michigan at
8 p.m. today in an NCAA
Tournament first-round match in
Mott Gym. It is the first time Cal
Poly will host a sub-regional since
1989.

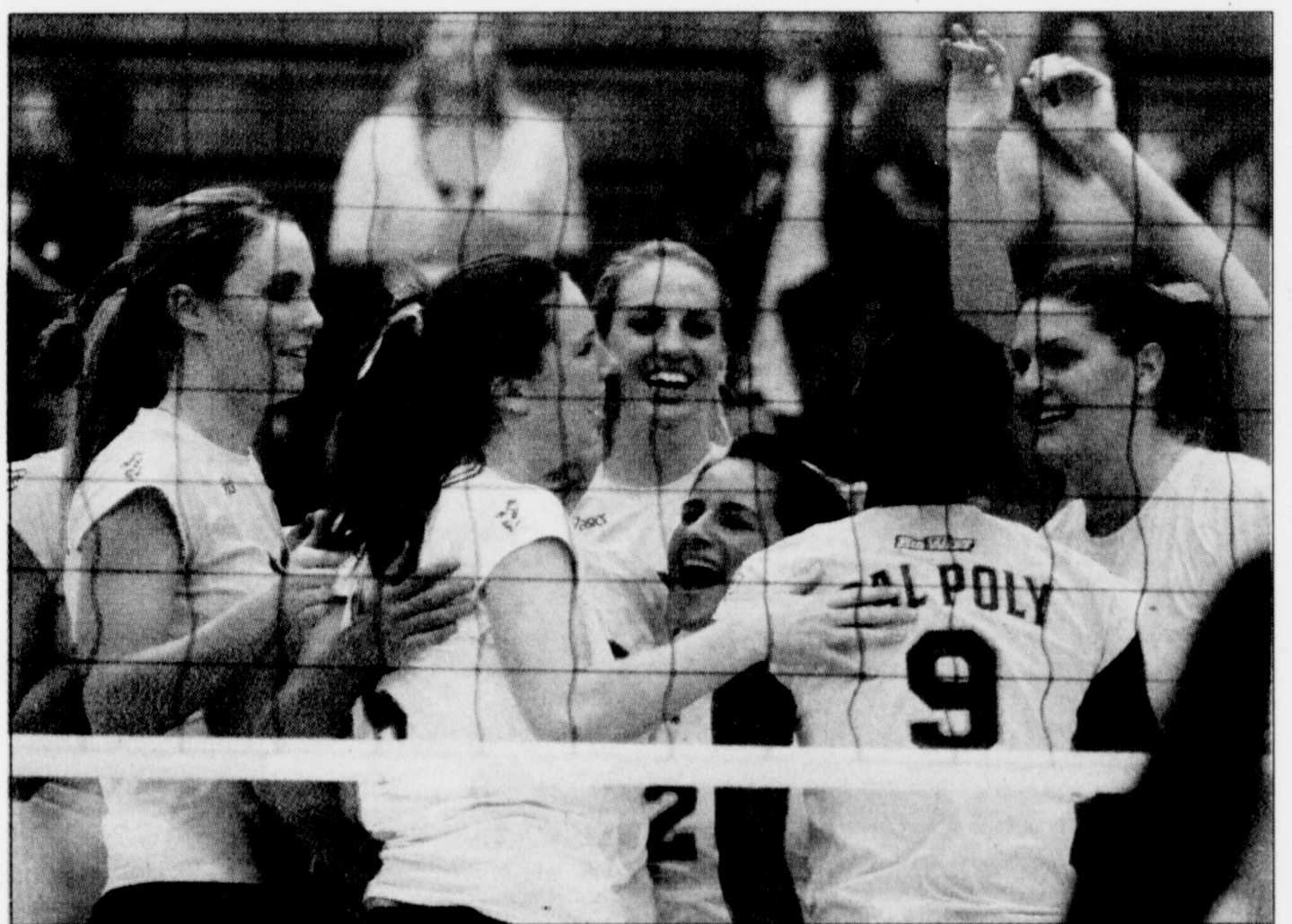
"I feel like right now we can
beat anyone," Stevenson said
Wednesday after practice. "...The
last two days have been the best
practices we've had all year."

Seeded 15th in the 64-team
field, Big West Conference cham-
pion Cal Poly (22-5, 13-1) must
win today to advance to the sec-
ond round, in which it would play
either Cal or LSU on Saturday.

"We're just going to focus on
Michigan right now and not think
about any of the other games," Cal
Poly sophomore outside hitter
Kylie Atherstone said. "We're
working in practice (Wednesday)
on where (the Wolverines) serve
or where we should serve them, so
we are definitely getting ready for
them."

Atherstone, the Big West Co-
Player of the Year, averaged a
team-high 4.5 kills along with two
digs per game this season and also
led the Mustangs in service aces
(36).

Cal Poly junior libero Kristin
Jackson said the Mustangs break
down the season into three parts,
and the NCAA Tournament is the
final phase.



PATRICK TRAUTFIELD MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly volleyball players celebrate a three-game sweep of Long Beach State in Mott Gym on Oct. 27.

"Jon kind of describes it as
three seasons — our preseason,
then conference and NCAAs,"
said Jackson, who leads Cal Poly
with 4.98 digs per game. "Nothing
else matters really in the past, it's all
what we do now."

The past this season for Cal
Poly includes the following feats:

- Cal Poly won its first Big West
title ever and first outright confer-
ence title of any kind since 1984,
when it was part of the now-
defunct Pacific Coast Athletic
Association.

- The Mustangs' 22 wins are
their most since going 22-11 in
1992.

- Cal Poly's .815 winning per-
centage is the second-best in pro-
gram history behind only the
1981 team's .837 mark.

- The Mustangs entered a
national ranking this year for the
first time since 1999.

"Everything we've done this
year is either on track or ahead of
schedule in terms of what I had
always hoped for this program,"
Stevenson said.

Although they were seeded
15th Sunday, the Mustangs were
ranked No. 14 in Monday's
American Volleyball Coaches
Association/College Sports TV
poll.

Three of the four teams coming
to Mott Gym this weekend are in
the top 16 of the poll — Cal Poly,
15th-ranked Cal (20-9) and No.
16 LSU (26-5).

"We've got a very difficult
draw, every match we play,"
Stevenson said. "We've got a very
strong Michigan team. It's not
going to be easy."

The loaded sub-regional is sim-
ilar to the Mustangs' nonconfer-
ence schedule, which featured
matches against No. 1 Nebraska,

No. 8 Texas, No. 9 Minnesota, No.
12 Hawaii and No. 24 Pepperdine.

The Mustangs have not played
since a 3-0 win at UC Davis on
Nov. 18. It was Cal Poly's 10th
three-game sweep in its last 12
regular-season matches.

Still, Stevenson said his team
needed a break before it began to
prepare for the tournament.

"We had the one match against
Davis, the quality of our play was-
n't so great," he said. "We weren't
in a good place right after Davis.
We got back to work on Saturday
and ever since, we've been build-
ing and building."

Playing at home could be a
boost for the Mustangs, who were
7-1 in Mott Gym this season.

"It's really nice," Jackson said of
not having to travel. "It gives us
one more extra day of hard prac-
tice. We do know that we have one

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Battle-tested Michigan has seen ups and downs this season

The Wolverines went 13-0 in
nonconference matches this
season, but struggled in Big 10
Conference play.

Andy Reid
MICHIGAN DAILY (U. OF MICHIGAN)

Emotional rollercoaster.

Those words define the
Michigan volleyball team's entire
season, and this past weekend was
no exception. In the past week, the
Wolverines have felt the highest
highs, the lowest lows and every-

thing in between.

Michigan was soundly defeated
by bitter rival Michigan State on
Nov. 22, bounced back in time to
dominate at Iowa on Nov. 26 and
accepted a bid to the NCAA
Tournament on Sunday afternoon
to play at No. 15 seed Cal Poly.

The deepest valley on the emo-
tional rollercoaster the team experi-
enced this weekend happened
Nov. 22 when it faced off against its
rival.

Michigan State junior Katie
Johnson made an early-season

guarantee about the Wolverines'
trip to Jenison Fieldhouse to face
the Spartans — if the Spartans won
in Ann Arbor, they would definite-
ly complete the sweep of
Michigan.

Her prediction couldn't have
been more right.

The Spartans, led by Johnson's
powerful spikes, firmly defeated
Michigan in three straight games.
This is the first year since 1998 that
the Spartans have beaten the
Wolverines in both regular-season
matches.

Junior Katie Bruzdinski got off
to a hot start, recording quick kills
on a dominating spike and a skillful
tip over the net to give the
Wolverines a 3-1 advantage.

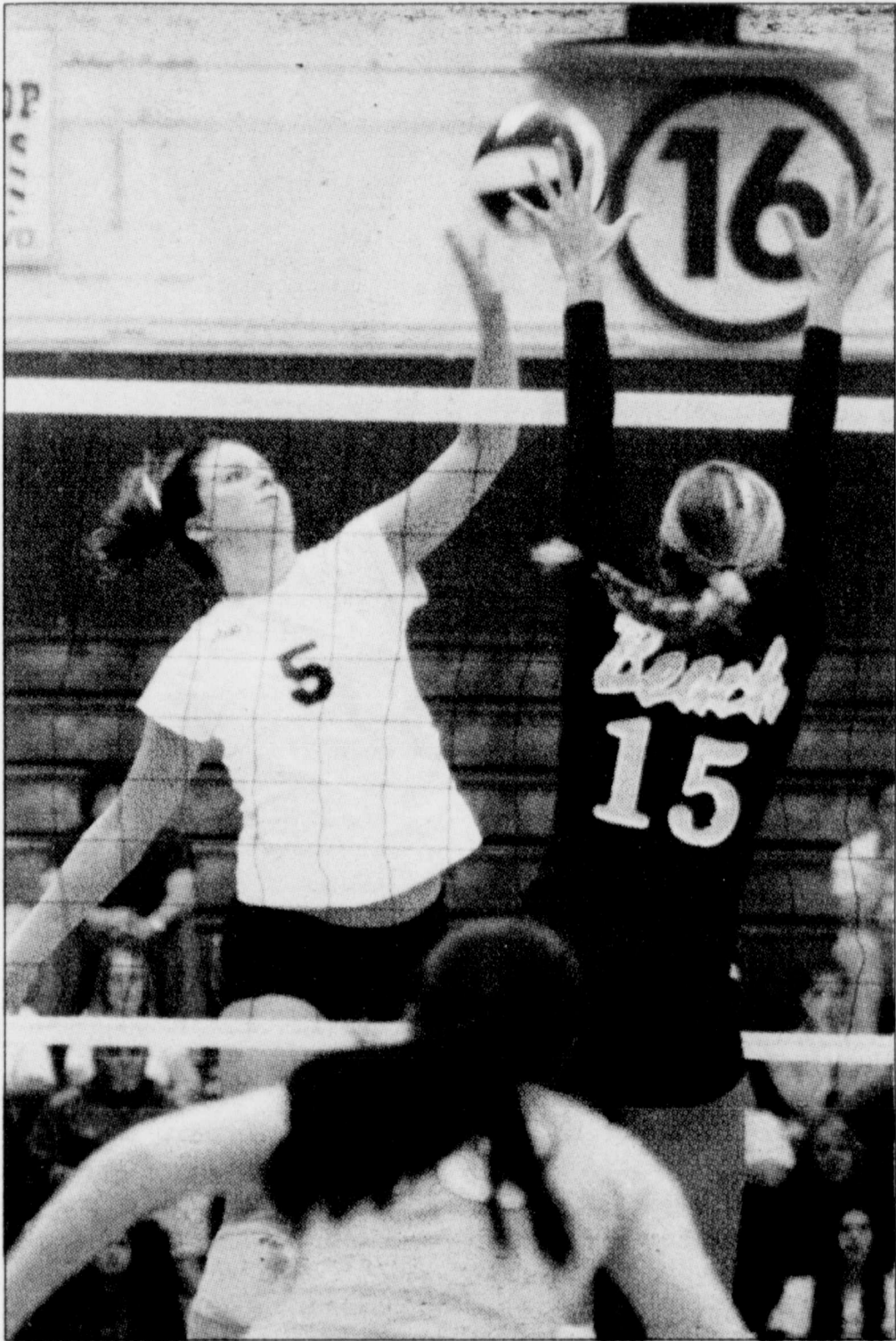
But the Spartan defense keyed
on the outside hitter, and
Bruzdinski couldn't get comfort-
able during the rest of the match.
Bruzdinski, who had eight kills,
was held below double-digit kills
in a match for the first time in 44
outings.

"We consider ourselves a pretty
balanced team," senior Erin Penn

said. "If Katie struggles, then some-
one is always there to pick up the
slack. We just couldn't find that bal-
ance tonight."

With their offensive stars
Bruzdinski and junior Lyndsay
Miller held under wraps for most
of the match, the Wolverines
looked to budding outside hitter,
freshman Veronica Rood, for offen-
sive firepower. Even though Rood's
11 kills led the team, they weren't
enough.

The first game was tightly con-
see Michigan, page 7



PATRICK TRAUTFIELD MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly sophomore outside hitter Kylie Atherstone (5) had 15 kills, six digs, four assists and one service ace in the Mustangs' three-game sweep of Long Beach State in Mott Gym on Oct. 27. She was named Big West Conference Co-Player of the Year on Tuesday.

Cal Poly

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of the toughest brackets. That gives us all the more motivation to prove ourselves as one of the top teams in the country."

After averaging only 612 fans in 11 home matches last year, Cal Poly is up to 1,265 per home match this season.

"I think it's a huge advantage," Atherstone said of playing at home. "We're going to have lots of fans, we get to sleep in our own beds and we get to play on our home court, we don't have to travel, we don't have to worry about any of that, so we have a lot less on our minds."

One thing on the Mustangs' minds is the Wolverines (21-12, 8-12 Big 10 Conference), who were 13-0 out of conference.

"We know that it's a lot of tall girls," Jackson said of Michigan, which has 11 players at least six feet tall. "They run a fast offense but I know that we have one of the best blocking teams in the country."

Michigan has lost three of its last four matches but boasts one of the top players in the Big 10 in junior outside hitter Katie Bruzdinski, who averages 4.65 kills per game.

"We've got to slow her down at the very least," Stevenson said of Bruzdinski. "I think our ball control is going to take care of that. I think we're going to serve very well and they're going to have trouble receiving our serves."

Stevenson said Cal Poly is essentially running systems traditionally used by men's teams.

"Our offense is a copy of the Brazilian (National) men's team, our defense is basically a copy of the USA (National) men's team," Stevenson said. "That's what's happening worldwide. We're just ahead of the curve."

For their part, the Mustangs are thrilled not just to be in the tournament for the first time since 2002, but also that the tournament itself will be coming to San Luis Obispo.

"It's a great opportunity for us to show what Cal Poly's really able to do and make the volleyball program stand out," Atherstone said. "It's just

If this team is not a source of school pride, I don't know what is ... They've gone from the bottom to the top.

— Jon Stevenson

Second-year Cal Poly volleyball head coach

stuff like that, and we started to get frustrated. You can't play this game if you let that get to you, so it's going to be a long night if you get frustrated."

The Wolverines haven't lost the State Pride series — a trophy given to the winner of the matches played between the two schools — to the Spartans in five years. Rosen was more upset about how the team played than losing the trophy.

"If we don't execute things like that don't really matter," Rosen said. "We need to represent our team and our university. I don't think we did that very well tonight."

A win against Michigan State

(19-11, 10-10) would have all but sealed an NCAA Tournament appearance for the Wolverines.

The NCAA selection committee, which routinely invites six Big Ten teams to the tournament, took the strength of the conference into consideration and chose seven this year.

Michigan (21-12, 8-12) needed a strong performance Saturday at Iowa — its final regular season game — to cement a seventh-place standing in the Big Ten.

The Wolverines got that strong performance and then some as they swept the Hawkeyes in three games.

The struggles the offense faced

against the Spartans were gone as Michigan had four players with double-digit kills — three more than Wednesday night. Bruzdinski returned to her form, recording 20 kills, to help the Michigan offense bounce back against the Hawkeyes.

The junior started hot again, but unlike the Michigan State match, she retained that momentum.

The Wolverines' defense was also able to calm down and play its style of game. The team registered a total of 75 digs, led by Bower with 23, and 12 blocks.

Rosen said that after Wednesday's difficult loss the team responded well in the practices leading up to the match against

Iowa (13-19, 2-18). The team worked on its offensive tempo and keeping defensive schemes under control.

"This week we just practiced on getting back to our style of game," junior Sarah Draves said. "We knew we had to stop focusing so much on the other side of the net and just play volleyball."

Rosen believes his team will be prepared for the stiff competition it will face in the NCAA Tournament.

"It's all even in a tournament," Rosen said. "I think the conference has prepared us for it, because we won't see teams that are better than what we've already faced."

Sub-regional Bracket

Cal Poly

Michigan

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LSU

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ROUND OF 16

HOW THEY STACK UP

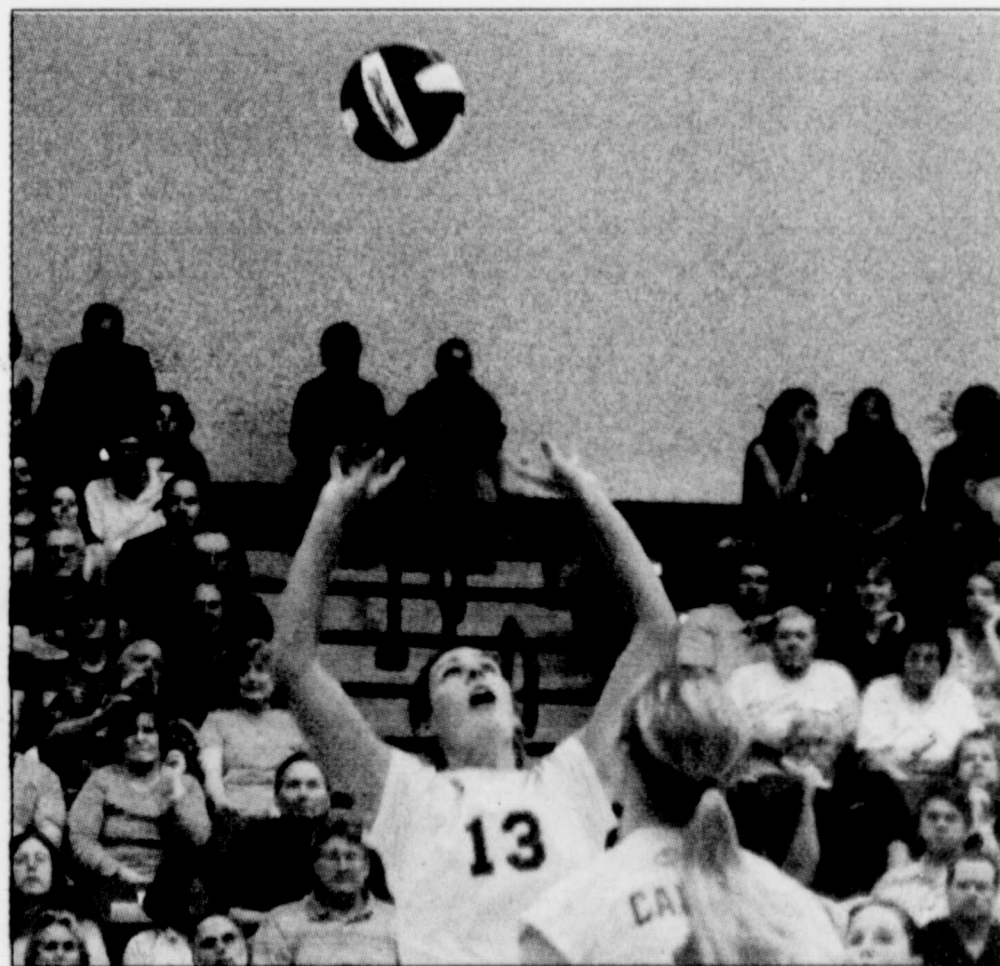
Team Statistics

	Cal Poly	Michigan
Kills	1,547	1,814
Attack errors	604	748
Total attacks	4,019	4,685
Attack percentage	23.5	22.8
Kills per game	14.9	16.2
Assists	1,432	1,687
Assists per game	13.8	15.1
Aces	164	166
Service errors	269	298
Aces per game	1.6	1.5
Serve reception errors	118	140
Digs per game	15.6	17.5
Solo blocks	29	82
Blocks per game	3.3	2.5
Ball-handling errors	39	77

great to be a part of because it hasn't happened very much and it is really exciting. I'm glad the seniors could be a part of it. Once Jon came here, we all picked it up and it was great to be a part of it."

The Mustangs were 5-24 in 2004. Now they are two home wins away from the round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament.

"If this team is not a source of school pride, I don't know what is," Stevenson said. "This team is a true success story. They've gone from the bottom to the top."



PATRICK TRAUTFIELD MUSTANG DAILY

Shown Oct. 27, Cal Poly junior setter Chelsea Hayes (13) was one of five Mustangs who received first-team All-Big West Conference honors.

Michigan

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tested, but Michigan State took it after freshman Megan Bower failed to handle a vicious Spartan spike.

From there, Michigan State took control. While the defense dominated the tempo of the game, the Spartan offensive attackers, mainly Johnson, hammered Michigan with aggressive spikes.

"The first game went pretty well, but there was about five or six plays that we messed up small, insignificant things," Michigan coach Mark Rosen said. "We weren't getting after free balls and

MUSTANG DAILY GAME DAY

Mustang men's hoops squad pounds DIII Occidental, 81-62

Cal Poly shot well from three-point range but struggled from the foul line, making 11 of 24 attempts.

Tyler Wise
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly men's basketball team provided 1,289 fans at Mott Gym on Wednesday night with an aggressive and overall dominating performance in an 81-62 victory against Division III Occidental.

The Mustangs (4-2) never allowed the Tigers (2-4) to take a lead.

"All of our starters did a great job and were able to stretch out a

good lead considerably early in the game," Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley said.

Coming out strong in the first half, the Mustangs were able to secure a 10-point lead (24-14) with 11 minutes, 59 seconds left in the first half. They eventually closed the period with a 51-26 lead against Occidental.

Cal Poly began the second half with a 7-0 run, eventually securing a game-high 29-point lead with 15:55 to play.

Individual leaders for the Mustangs included a 15-point performance from starting senior forward

Derek Stockalper, who made five of his six floor shots.

Tyler McGinn added 11 points for Cal Poly.

Though the Mustangs dominated the scoreboard, the team did have its struggles, particularly with free throws, Bromley said.

The Mustangs shot well enough from the field, making 29 of 59 field-goal attempts (49 percent), twelve of which were 3-pointers (12 for 26).

Cal Poly shot only 45 percent from the foul line, sinking only 11 of 24 attempts.

"It was definitely one of the

poorer aspects of our game, but we took enough shots and made enough baskets to keep us well out in front," Bromley said.

Bromley also alluded to the Mustangs' early defensive struggles. Though they never allowed the Tigers to gain a lead, the Mustangs allowed an early tie at 12-12, in which the team took a timeout with 15:32 to play.

"I told the team at that point to have more pride in their defense and get really locked into them (Tigers)," Bromley said. "I told them that the game was more of a mental challenge and that they had

to have respect for their opponents, no matter if they're Duke or Occidental."

The next game for the Mustangs is Sunday at San Jose State.

"San Jose State is hungry for their first 'W,' and Cal Poly isn't exactly a name that sends fear down their spine," Bromley said. "Last year they really kicked our butts and we had no answer for them."

"The Spartans are really going to come at us and we need to be prepared to play at our highest level. If we can play with the same intensity, then we're going to be successful."

Poly wrestling team heads to Las Vegas for tournament

The Mustangs are led by 133-pounder Darrell Vasquez, who has begun the season 5-0.

Kelly Cope
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly wrestling team will test its mettle as it competes in Las

Vegas today and tomorrow at the 25th annual Cliff Keen Las Vegas Collegiate Wrestling Invitational.

The team has been hard at work preparing for the tournament, and coach John Azevedo is confident the Mustangs "should do very well, go there and place. It's going to be a battle."

Azevedo said the team has a number of top-ranked wrestlers, so he expects the team's performance to be one he's proud of.

"The guys have been getting their work in," he said.

At their only tournament of the season so far, the 19th-ranked Mustangs topped team standings at the Fullerton Open on Nov. 18.

Cal Poly will compete this weekend with schools such as Arizona State, Oregon State, Michigan, Nebraska, Harvard, Boise State, Cal State Bakersfield and others for a total of about 50 teams.

Competition begins today at 9 a.m. with a short pigtail round, then at 10 a.m., rounds one and two begin, and consolation matches for the pigtail round will be held at the same time at the Star of the Desert Arena.

UCLA remembers last year's game against USC all too well

The Bruins were steamrolled 66-19 at the L.A. Coliseum in last season's "showdown."

John Nadel
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The UCLA Bruins trudged off the Coliseum field following a 66-19 loss to Southern California last year with a feeling they'll always remember.

And Bruins center Robert Chai believes that's a good thing.

"I remember thinking as I stood in the tunnel, 'I don't ever want to feel this again,'" Chai said. "I don't want anyone on this team to forget what that felt like."

The outcome might have been expected, but the margin of victory wasn't. USC entered with an 11-0 record and UCLA was 9-1.

"All year long, you talk about

this game," Chai said. "You talk about it at the beginning of the season, talk about it during the season, talk about it during summer training. You talk about USC, that you want to beat them. And unfortunately the past couple of years, we haven't done the job."

Chai has a short memory — USC has beaten UCLA seven straight times, not just the last couple of years. When the teams meet Saturday at the Rose Bowl, the Bruins will be shooting for their first win over their crosstown rivals since 1998.

"Very frustrating. It makes you sick," Bruins cornerback Trey Brown said. "This is our opportunity to shut people up and earn some respect. It's been way too long. It's got to stop sometime."

While the Bruins may have been thinking about the Trojans for some time, as Chai said, that apparently hasn't been the case at USC. Coach Pete Carroll believes every game is a championship game, and his players have embraced that philosophy.

Now that it's UCLA week, though, Carroll and his players are free to speak on the significance of playing the Bruins.

"We love this matchup and we love playing it, whether it's at the Coliseum or at the Rose Bowl," Carroll said. "We don't get to play another game for a long time — this is the last game we get to play this year."

"Next year, we get to play another game, so we will deal with that when the time comes."

No. 2 USC (10-1, 7-1 Pac-10) can clinch a berth in the BCS title game with a victory — just like it did last year. If the Trojans lose, they'll play in the Rose Bowl game.




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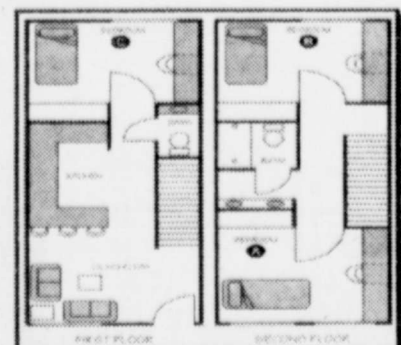


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Killer whale returns to San Diego performance tank after attack

Allison Hoffman
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SAN DIEGO — Some days, killer whales just wake up on the wrong side of the pool.

A 2 1/2-ton orca that dragged a trainer underwater during a show at SeaWorld may have been put out by a spat with another whale, grumpy because of the weather or just irritable from a stomach ache, according to marine mammal experts.

"Some mornings they just wake up not as willing to do the show as others," said Ken Balcomb, director of the Center for Whale Research in Friday Harbor, Wash. "If the trainer doesn't recognize it's not a good day, this will happen."

The whale, Kasatka, was back in the water Thursday for a lunchtime performance that went off without a hitch. But the show was limited to tricks that did not involve trainers getting in the water.

Meanwhile, experts from other SeaWorld parks and marine centers converged in San Diego to review Wednesday's incident and figure out what set the whale off.

The trainer, Ken Peters, 39, underwent surgery Thursday on a broken bone in his foot but was otherwise in good spirits, said Mike Scarpuzzi, vice president of zoological operations at SeaWorld San Diego and a former killer-whale trainer.

Kasatka, a 30-year-old orca that is about 17 feet long and weighs

well over 5,000 pounds, twice held Peters underwater for less than a minute each time during the finale of a show at Shamu Stadium.

The act called for the orca to leap out of the water so Peters could dive off her nose. Instead, as several hundred spectators watched, Kasatka grabbed Peters' foot in her mouth and dragged him toward the bottom of the 36-foot-deep tank.

When they came up, Peters tried to calm the animal by stroking its back, but it grabbed him and plunged down again. The whale finally released him and Peters was able to surface and swim away. He emerged from the tank with one leg of his wet suit torn.

Kasatka and Peters were involved in a scrape in 1999, when the whale tried to bite the trainer during a show, Scarpuzzi said. Peters hopped out of the tank and was not injured. The whale also tried to bite a different trainer in 1993, Scarpuzzi said.

Peters has 16 years of experience as a trainer, including 12 years in Shamu Stadium.

Scarpuzzi pointed out that the animals perform as many as eight times a day, 365 days a year, "so this, even though it can be expected because they are killer whales, it is definitely abnormal."

Killer whales are predators that were originally called whale-killers because they occasionally eat other whales and dolphins.



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SeaWorld Adventure Park trainer Ken Peters, left, was injured Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, after a whale named Kasatka grabbed him and twice held him underwater during a show. The orca pictured is not Kasatka.

"In the wild they're not dangerous to humans and there's no incidences of them attacking humans unprovoked," Balcomb said. But in captivity, "they're dangerous because they're big and sometimes they're not happy with their situation."

Park spokesman Dave Koontz

said a different whale went under with a trainer's foot in its mouth two or three weeks ago but obeyed commands to release the trainer and return to the side of the tank. The trainer was not injured.

The most serious attack at SeaWorld came in 1987, when a whale leaped onto a trainer as he

rode a second whale during a stunt before a full house. The trainer was hospitalized with a broken pelvis, ribs and upper leg.

Kasatka made headlines in 2001 when she became the first killer whale to successfully give birth in captivity after being artificially inseminated.

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How to tell better jokes with Mike's advice

Knock-knock. Who's there? Another "Guide to Life." Another "Guide to Life" who? Another "Guide to Life" for you.

That, my friends, is one of the worst jokes that one could probably ever come up with. The setup was horrible, the punchline was even worse, and the sanctity of all knock-knock jokes just received a, well, knock altogether. Fear not though my loyal reader, as in this "Guide to Life" I'll be showing you how to not only tell a good joke, but recover from a bad one, and just be funny in general.

Now you might be thinking to yourself, "Wait a minute, who is this Mike guy and what the hell does he know?" Well, first of all if you look on the top of the page, it says "Humor Column." So, you doubting I know humor is like you doubting the fine editors of this paper for choosing me to write such columns.¹

Second, my family has told me numerous times that I can be "quite the cut-up" at family gatherings.² With both those points said, are you really going to doubt both the Mustang Daily editors and my family?³ Great, glad we have that taken care of and that you can now proceed with this newfound trust in me.

So, any good joke needs a good set up. This ranges from long stories that take awhile to get to the punch line, or just quick one liners.

If you don't have the setup though, you don't have a joke. Here is an example of some topical humor — "Did you hear about how Saddam Hussein is appealing his sentence to be hung?" So, I set it up with what seemingly is a serious question, even showing that I actually do know what is going on in the world. But then, all of a sudden, watch out, 'cause here comes the punch line — "Yeah, well Tommy Lee tried to give some advice to Saddam saying that, 'It's not so bad bro, that's what really made me famous.'"⁴ And Whammy! A play on words so good that you'll leave your audience laughing uncontrollably on the floor.⁵

By the way, while on the topic, pretty much any joke having to do with Tommy Lee's, er, fireman, is funny. Immature? Maybe. But let's stay on the topic because I'm saying ANY joke about it is funny. Why did the chicken cross the road? No, not to get to the other side, but because the chicken was really like any girl in the world and Tommy Lee was on the other side.⁶ KABOOM! Oh man, instant classic right there.

OK, so moving on. When your joke or funny story bombs, you

need some way to recover. You know how that goes. It happens daily in casual conversation, as well as on TV all the time.

Let's look at what John Kerry said a month or so ago. Kerry basically said that if young people don't do well in the American school system, they'll get stuck in Iraq. Whoops, not really the setup and huge punch line that probably would have been best. It isn't the biggest shocker in the world, that probably one of the most unfunny men imaginable, minus, oh I don't know, Hitler.⁷ messed up a joke.

However, Kerry did try the joke, so I'll at least applaud him for that one. Now, to recover, there are different ways of doing this. The best way is to probably say something so dumb that you'll get everyone's attention off of what

you just said. My roommate, Mike Horwitz⁸ for example, throw, "And then I found \$20" to the end of every crappy joke he says.⁹ Just get creative with that, and you can steer people quite a ways away from what you just said.

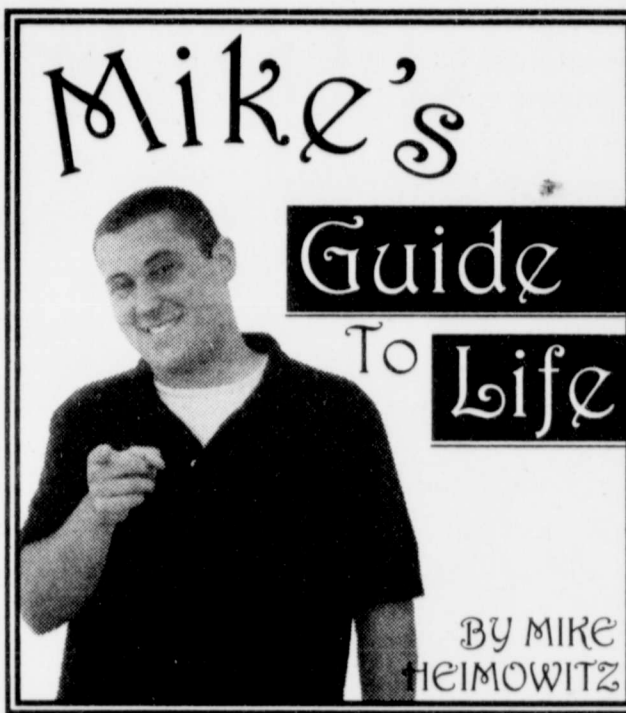
Really, there isn't much else to it. Start with your setup, throw in a Tommy Lee punch line as much as possible, and if that fails, just start either exaggerating or making something up if your joke still bombs.

Now, as a bonus, I'm going to give you the quick guide to comedy. This will move fast, but still, try to pay attention...

People falling? Funny. Abortion? Not funny. Pies in the face? Funny. Drinks spilled on girls' heads? Not funny. Boners? Funny. Farts? Funny. Poverty? Not funny. Squirrels? Funny. Skip-its? Funny. Kevin Federline's career? Funny. Allergies? Not funny.¹⁰ Hilary Duff's career over because of cocaine? Funny. Diarrhea? Funny. Diarrhea when friends are over? Not funny. AIDS? Not funny. Mustaches? Funny. "The Lion King"? Funny, except for when Mufasa dies. That part sucks.

Telling jokes now with advice from this article? Funny.

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¹ Seriously, \$100 will get you your own column and \$25 per week to keep getting it published.

² And they sure saw that, because like the turkey, I STUFFED the room with jokes last week on Thanksgiving!

³ Watch out 'cause now it is getting personal.

⁴ Sorry, was that too soon for all you Saddam fans?

⁵ Or actually whenever I say it, I get a, "Dude shut the hell up." Maybe you'll have better luck.

⁶ Pick your poison. Replace "chicken" with "Clay Aiken" or "Lance Bass" and you can still get an equally funny joke.

⁷ Except for his mustache. That always makes me laugh.

⁸ Yes, I Mike Heimowitz, live with Mike Horwitz. Laugh all you want. We get it all the time.

⁹ Which is a lot.

¹⁰ I used to have hay fever when I was young. Laugh it up, you jerks.

LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

Very sad but true

Matt Bushman, of course the death toll is not the only measure of success in Iraq. But when there is no clear measure of success, the war becomes easy to criticize because of issues like war profiteering, loss of U.S. credibility, loss of liberty and the creation of more terrorists. But the loss of human life is our greatest expense, and the media shouldn't ignore it.

Americans are angry because they were manipulated and people died as a result. The administration used fear and Sept. 11 as a pretext for Iraq. There is NO evidence to date that Iraq supported terrorists or was involved in Sept. 11 (fabricated evidence doesn't count).

Where did Saddam get the WMDs he possessed in the 1980s which in turn killed thousands of Kurds? Well, there is more evidence that the U.S. supported Saddam than Saddam supported terrorists.

It's nice to think we could go sprinkle freedom dust over Iraq, but that is not realistic. Sunnis and Shiites in Iraq have religious strife over 1,000 years old, Bush nor democracy can end it.

Democracy comes from within society, study U.S. history. Iraq is no more of a democracy than Saudi Arabia. And how do we win, Mr. Bushman, when there is no clear enemy to defeat? It's dangerous to support a war with no end.

Remember, "To announce that there must be no criticism of the president, or that we are to stand by the president right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic, but is morally treasonable." — Teddy Roosevelt.

Rob Fitzroy

Public policy graduate student

UU artwork unattractive,
potentially dangerous

I would like to complain about the artwork that sadly dresses the walls upstairs in the UU outside of Chumash Auditorium. Specifically, I am most angry with Merhdad Sheikh's "Web of Life," a wall sculpture that spreads across the wall to the left of the beautiful Marie Curie. More like Web of Suck.

First, this piece spreads the walls like a monstrous, deranged, metal animous and has no redeeming qualities. It has two oddly formed figures merging with a gigantic web. What is that!? Why are they playing in a web? Where is the "Life" in this web?

Secondly, it's dangerous. People hit their heads on it when they get up from their chairs. Overall, I can't imagine anything positive said about this trashwork. No one should have to experience the Web of Life anymore. It's crap.

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diva in this role was only fitting and a bit ironic seeing as how Knowles has been compared to Diana Ross her entire career and "Dreamgirls" is loosely based on Diana Ross and the Supremes.

Hudson has a riveting, breakout performance as Effie White, the lead singer pushed aside because of her weight and looks and replaced with backup singer Denna (Knowles). Hudson beat out hundreds for the role of White including Fantasia, who took the crown of "American Idol" the season Hudson was a finalist.

Audiences will fall in love with the story

because of its crossover appeal. Although it focuses on the finger-snapping, feel-good soul of the late '60s, the central story of the group trying to survive a manipulating manager and the pressures of appearance in showbiz still resonates today. The film's musical numbers kept the audience dancing in their seats while Hudson's breathtaking rendition of "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going" left the audience giving a standing ovation.

The film, which has been the source of Oscar buzz since a preview at the Cannes Film Festival, deserves whatever accolades come its way. Condon wrote and directed an exceptional movie with an exceptional cast that will have Hollywood, once again, buzzing over the musical-theater genre.



Anika Noni Rose, Beyoncé Knowles and Jennifer Hudson shine as The Dreamettes in the new feature based on the hit Broadway musical.

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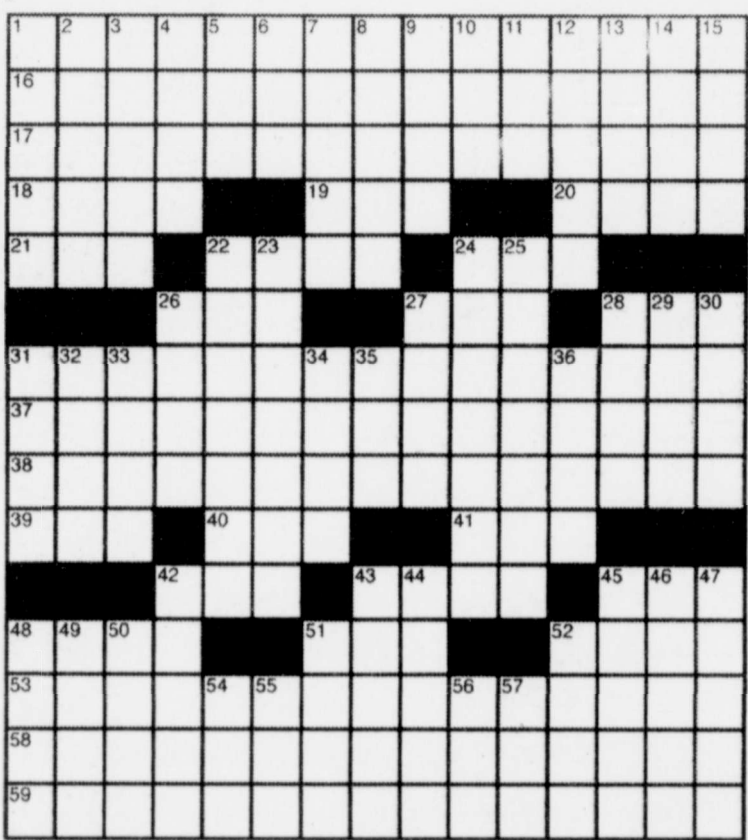
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31 Statement subsequently belied
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38 Classic piano tune first recorded in 1921
39 The "gods" in "Chariots of the Gods?," in brief
40 Lover of Orion
41 Places where organs may be seen: Abbr.
42 Radio station expense
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48 Goldfish in "Pinocchio"
51 Claret alternative, briefly
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Ludacris speaks out on AIDS

Jake Spring

DAILY NORTHWESTERN (NORTHWESTERN U.)

EVANSTON, ILL — For a rap star who packs arenas by the thousands, drawing only enough students to fill half of McCormick Auditorium seems ludicrous.

Chris "Ludacris" Bridges spoke on the Northwestern University campus Wednesday as part of the national YouthAIDS "Kick Me!" campaign to promote awareness and raise money for AIDS. The invitation-only event was co-sponsored by the Center for Student Involvement and the HIV/AIDS Literacy Organization.

Although CSI invited more

than 300 students, only 145 attended the event, said Jude Cooper, assistant director of CSI. Students in AIDS-related classes and student group leaders were invited to attend the speech. Television crews were barred.

The speech, which was scheduled to last an hour and a half, was cut down to only 30 minutes, due to constraints of Bridges' schedule, said Cristina Broker, cause-related marketing coordinator for YouthAIDS.

After a brief introduction, most of the event was dedicated to discussion. Broker, who was introduced as a HIV/AIDS specialist, responded to most of the questions. Bridges' occasional comments drew laughs from the audience.

"It's time to stack up on those flavored condoms people," Bridges said. "Let's keep it real in the room."

Broker and Ludacris focused on the options available to prevent AIDS — abstinence, faithfulness and condoms — and urged all in the audience to get tested for HIV.

"Half the people that do have HIV or AIDS, they don't even know that they have it," Bridges said.

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Shakespeare, satire to strike SLO

Nicole Small

MUSTANG DAILY

Imagine a holiday show that pairs outrageous lyrics with skits acted out in Shakespearean dialogue. Gale McNeeley has managed to combine them both in his new show "Gale McNeeley and the Satiricals." The show is over an hour of singing, dancing and acting out songs originally by Tom Lehrer and the comedic material of Johnny Wayne and Frank Schuster.

McNeeley is accompanied by actors Joelyn Lutz, Brandon Crisler and Ashley Flannegan, while Betty Faas plays piano.

"We wanted to create an evening of laughter," McNeeley said.

McNeeley, 60, creates shows that are different than what is being played locally; he particularly enjoys doing lighter shows because he said "we need comedy in this day and

age."

The thought of combining the three artists came to McNeeley because they all were popular around the 1960s and used the same type of humor.

Cal Poly students are familiar with Weird Al Yankovic, but what about Tom Lehrer?

Lehrer was popular during the late 1950s and into the 1960s. The Harvard mathematics student would record satirical songs on social and political events in his spare time. Popular Lehrer songs include "Pollution" and "I Hold Your Hand In Mine," which is about a lover cutting off his girlfriend's hand to nibble her fingertips.

Lehrer's first CD, "Songs by Tom Lehrer," had an initial release of 400

copies that were dispersed in and around the Harvard campus before winter break. Lehrer joked that students spread the music "like herpes" which caused a demand for more

Crisler knew words to some of Lehrer's songs because his parents would play the CDs.

Crisler performed Lehrer's song "The Chart" about the Periodic Table of Elements to the music of Gilbert and Sullivan's "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General," from the comic opera "Pirates of Penzance."

The other element brought to the show is material by the Canadian comedy team Wayne and Schuster. The two were famous for their skit "Shakespearean Baseball," where the entire team uses Shakespearean language, taking lines from Hamlet, Macbeth and Richard III.

In addition to "Shakespearean Baseball," the group will perform

"Rinse the Blood off my Toga," a skit about Julius Caesar but set to a gangster murder mystery theme and dialogue.

"Even if people aren't familiar with Shakespeare, people know pop culture and will understand the humor," McNeeley said.

"We'll give you a good show and bring a date, it's something else to do besides going to the movies," said Flannegan.

The first show debuts Saturday at the Unity Chapel of Light in Santa Maria at 7 p.m. Three shows will be performed at Linnaea's Cafe at 1100 Garden St.: Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 8 and 9 at 8 p.m.

The last show is scheduled Dec. 17 at the San Luis Obispo County Library on the corner of Osos and Palm streets for a 2 p.m. matinee.

The suggested donation for admission is \$10.

Even if people aren't familiar with Shakespeare, people know pop culture and will understand the humor.

—Gale McNeeley
Comedian

CDs. Round two saw 350,000 copies sold.

Crisler and Flannegan are both in their early 20s and were able to understand the humor in the pieces.

'Dreamgirls' shines and sings its way to Oscar buzz

Gerrick Lewis

THE LANTERN (OHIO STATE U.)

Director and screenwriter Bill Condon had a lot at stake when he began working on the film version of "Dreamgirls."

The movie, like the original production, follows the story of The Dreamettes — Effie, Deena and Lorrell — as they rise from being discovered by an ambitious manager to being in the spotlight as The Dreams set against the backdrop of the turbulent late 1960s and early '70s.

A Broadway Tony-Award-winning hit more than 25 years ago, Condon needed to bring the same magic to this film that he did for "Chicago" in 2002, which spawned Hollywood's new-found obsession with musicals. This obsession was short-lived after the 2005 flop, "The Producers."

Condon assembled a dream cast, each with their own baggage and something to prove.

Jamie Foxx needed to show he wasn't a one-trick pony and distance himself from the Oscar-winning role as Ray Charles in "Ray," a role he parlayed into a successful music career, channeling Charles in a

number of songs, most notably Kanye West's hit "Golddigger."

Beyonce Knowles — without a doubt one of the biggest names in music — needed to prove she could act. After roles in not-so-successful films "The Pink Panther" and "The Fighting Temptations," this is her chance to show she can

hold her own.

Eddie Murphy had the most at stake; could he portray the suave role of James "Thunder" Early, and sing? Murphy had an ice-cold music career in the '80s. Could he make his audience forget about the painful "Party All The Time" and his string of lackluster films starting with

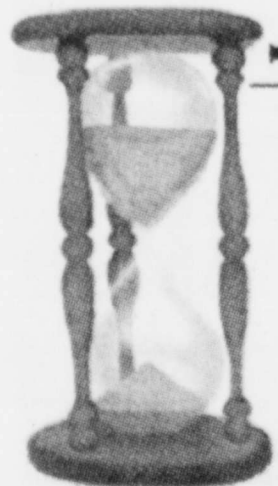
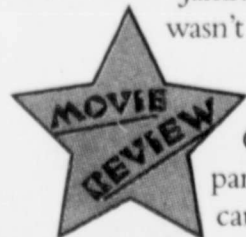
gives a defining performance as Denna Jones. On her latest album, "B'Day," Knowles said "Dreamgirls" was the film of her life. With her background as the leader of Destiny's Child, seeing her rise from shy background singer to lead

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Former "American Idol" contestant Jennifer Hudson plays Effie White in Bill Condon's "Dreamgirls," which won raves at the Cannes Film Festival and is rumored to be in the running for an Academy Award.



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- 1982 Dentist Barney B. Clark gets first artificial heart.
- 1982 Michael Jackson releases "Thriller."
- 1994 Cindy Crawford and Richard Gere announce they are separating.